

4th Grade Art and Essay Contest

2012 Theme: *If George Washington Carver came to my school...*

Any 4th grade student may enter AND students can enter BOTH categories of art AND essay!

The following is required in your Teacher Packet of entries:

- SUBMIT ARTWORK LIST: Typed and numbered list for each student submitting artwork. This list is vital during the judging. Please do not list students who are not participating!
 - SUBMIT ESSAY LIST: Typed and numbered list for each student submitting an essay. This list is vital during the judging. Please do not list students who are not participating!
 - SUBMIT return mailing label with the school's name and address clearly printed or typed.
 - SUBMIT daytime telephone number and email address for EACH participating classroom teacher and for EACH participating art teacher.
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ART REQUIREMENTS

A label with the following information must be affixed to the lower right corner of the back of each entry so it is out of view of judges:

- Title of artwork (for example: "Prairie Sunset")
- Student name
- School name
- Teacher name (art teacher and classroom teacher if applicable)

Two-dimensional media may not exceed 24 inches on each side. 2D media includes drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, photography, and mixed media.

Three-dimensional media may not exceed 24 inches in height, width, or depth. 3D artwork needs to be securely mounted to a firm, flat support. Sponsors are not responsible for damage of artwork during shipping or handling. Loose items may be subject to loss or damage.

Group projects are strongly encouraged. Minimum three students to a group. Project may not exceed 5 feet in height, width, or depth. *Special consideration will be given to projects that utilize natural and/or recycled materials.* Please contact George Washington National Monument if entries need special installation, such as hanging from the ceiling or placed in a corner.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

A label with the following information must be affixed to the lower right corner of the back of each entry so it is out of view of judges:

- Student name
- School name
- Teacher name

Essays, handwritten or typed, should be no more than 500 words in length. Please note that longer essays will not be judged.

Format is 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Do not submit folders or binders. The park staff will display essay entries in 3-ring binders.

JUDGING

Evaluations conducted by judges are final. Judged by the following criteria:

<u>ART</u>	<u>ESSAY</u>	
Creativity	Theme/Idea Development	Organization
Originality	Voice	Word choice
Technical ability	Sentence fluency	Conventions/Mechanical correctness
Expression of theme	Presentation	

Everyone who participates is a winner!

- Participant certificates
- Best of Show and Best Group Project in art category
- First, second, and third place trophies for both categories
- Honorable mention per classroom for both categories
- \$50 savings bond awarded to first place winners in 2D art, 3D art, and essay
- One Most Creative Classroom awarded in each category (teachers receive a gift certificate!)

DEADLINE

The deadline for all entries is February 10, 2012. Entries will be accepted any time before this date. If mailed they must be postmarked by or on this date. Deliver entries to the monument or mail to:

George Washington Carver National Monument
5646 Carver Road
Diamond, MO 64840

THE SHOW

All artwork will be on display for public viewing at George Washington Carver National Monument beginning February 18th. Essays will be placed on display after judging, March 2nd. Please invite families to visit the exhibition!

THE AWARDS CEREMONY

Saturday March 10th, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at George Washington Carver National Monument. All participating students, art teachers, classroom teachers, school staff, principals, and parents are encouraged to attend this special ceremony. Please plan to collect your artwork following the awards ceremony.

Further information may be obtained by calling George Washington Carver National Monument at 417-325-4151 between 9am and 5pm. You may also email ranger Diane: diane_eilenstein@nps.gov